Representation From the Staff of I.C.W.A.

2690. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the representation of ladies staff of the Indian Council of World Affairs regarding misbehaviour and harassment by the officers of the Council; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) As the Indian Council of World Affairs is an autonomous institution, with which the Government are not presently associated, Government hopes that the present management of the Council will take appropriate steps in this matter.

Conditions of Employees of I.C.W.A.

2691. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAYIYA: Will the PIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the latest condition of employees of Indian Council of World Affairs particularly their working conditions and wages; and

(b) whether the employees are covered with the minimum wages, if not, what measures Government are contemplating in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Government have seen representations/reports in this regard. Government hopes that the present management of the Indian Council of World Affairs will take appropriate steps in this matter. As the Council is an autonomous institution, Government are not associated with its functioning.

U.N. Activities in India

2692. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the united Nations is spending hundreds of million of dollars per year in India on various activities; and

(b) if so, the details of the activities and the exact amount being spent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALERIO): (a) and (b) The United Nations specialised agencies and other UN bodies and programmes spend significant amounts on activities in India covering diverse fields such as health, child welfare, agriculture, rural development and education. The actual expenditure on such activities varies from year to year depending on financial allocations made for these purposes by the UN system.

Indians in Singapore Jail

2693. SHRI S. MADHAVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news items published in 'Hindu' dated November, 1992 about the new restrictions imposed on Indians by Government of Singapore;

(b) how many Indians are in jail in Singapore for overstaying beyond their visa period;

(c) what are the steps taken to repatriate such people by the Indian High Commission;

(d) whether it is a fact that Indian women on social visit to Singapore have been imprisoned; and